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Fights Will

Mrs. Josefina Anderson, above, sister of the late Lupe Velez, said the family would contest Miss Velez' will, which left one-third of the actress' $175,000 estate to her secretary-companion, Mrs. Beulah Kinder.

Washington

By JACK STINNETT

Washington — Your capital in wartime:

There are a couple of hundred angry WAVES in Washington, but don't think for a minute that they are saying anything about it openly. They are the girls who live in barracks within a stone's throw of the Navy building.

At first, according to barrack rules, no man was allowed any further in the building than the reception room just inside the front door. The rest of the sprawling quarters were strictly a woman's domain. The girls got the sorority house habit. They ran up and down the halls in their scanties, visited in negligee and enjoyed a privacy that made even barracks life a pleasure. Then the worst happened. A navy brass hat came to town and was unable to find quarters for himself and family. A bright idea occurred to him. He had the walls knocked out of several rooms in the WAVE barracks and put himself together an apartment for himself and family.

The rush to buy dressing robes was something. Now all is decorum in the barracks, but there's a lot of underbreath mumbling as the WAVES peer around corners to see if the coast is clear before dashing for the showers or the room of some matey for a snack before lights out.

When that meeting of the big three finally is held (and it's almost certain to be, probably soon after the president's inauguration), the odds are being given here that Roosevelt and Churchill will go almost al the way to Moscow again for the session.

It's up to Mark MacMahon and David Fromm to see that the GIs have at east one thing less to grumble about — poor Java. MacMahon and Fromm are the army's official cofee-tasters. Mostly, it's just coffee-sniffing. The two work for the office of the Quartermaster General and headquarters at Buzzards Point. Samples of coffee, drawn and ground under their supervision, are placed in ordinary china cups and stepped in boiling water. Ordinarily it only takes one sniff for the "tasters" to tell whether the coffee is good, how it grades and where it was grown. If there's any doubt about it, the tasters sip it a bit. That settles it. B... ...r Point is one place where coffee is served where dunking isn't allowed.

When the full report is in, it will be an interesting commentary on to what extent government workers are getting their old jobs back. One in 20 of the 6,000 who went into the armed forces are now back at their old jobs or better ones.

Calls at the office of one government bigshot here are being answered this way: 9-10 a. m., "he was detained getting to the office;" 10-12, "in conference"; 12-2, "at lunch"; 2-4, "in conference"; 4-5, "had to leave early." Oh, what whoppers! Mr. Bigshot slipped away to spend the holidays with his family.

Washington—Within a few days now, the Veterans Administration will be ready to go to town (rather to the country) with farm loans for veterans of World War II.

The home loans came first and to some extent already are being made. The loans to set up private business will come later, probably soon after the first of the year.

Many veterans are going to be disillusioned if they think all they have to do is walk into one of the lending agencies (banks, building and loan associations, etc.), explain that they want a loan to buy a quarter section out yonder, and a couple of days later walk off with the money.

There will be much red tape. Some will be because the Veterans Administration now is experiencing its worst growing pains since birth. VA always has been a bureaucratic agency. With the demands of pressure groups what they have been since World War I, it couldn't very well have been otherwise.

But much of the red tape will be the VA's and government's efforts to protect the veteran against himself and against inflated land values that might in the end make him a failure in spite of his own personal industry, ability, and sincere desire to get ahead.

Since no farm loans have been made or denied yet, there are no examples on hand, but in the few home loan applications that have been scrutinized, there's a key to what's to come.

One example here in Washington was that of a veteran who undoubtedly could have kept up his loan and was ready with a substantial down payment from his own pocket. But investigation disclosed that he was seeking to purchase a house for $9,600 that was built six years ago for $5,500 and had been offered on the market several years back for less than $7,000.

The VA and the government are determined to prevent the veterans from getting saddled with that sort of bad investment. In the case of farm loans, that determination is going to be even greater.

The routing of applying for a farm loan consists of going to one of the lending agencies, filling out two rather lengthy forms. The veteran's fitness and experience will be examined by the VA. The land to be bought will be surveyed by an expert appriaser. Local representatives of the Department of Agriculture will be consulted. An advisory committee, composed of local farmers and business men, working in conjunction with the county agents must be consulted.

If all these agree that the loan might reasonably be made, then the veteran can obtain a loan with the government guaranteeing up to 50 per cent of the first $4,000. There are many other provisions, but the veteran can find these out best by consulting his VA representatives, service organizations, or Selective Service advisory commitees.

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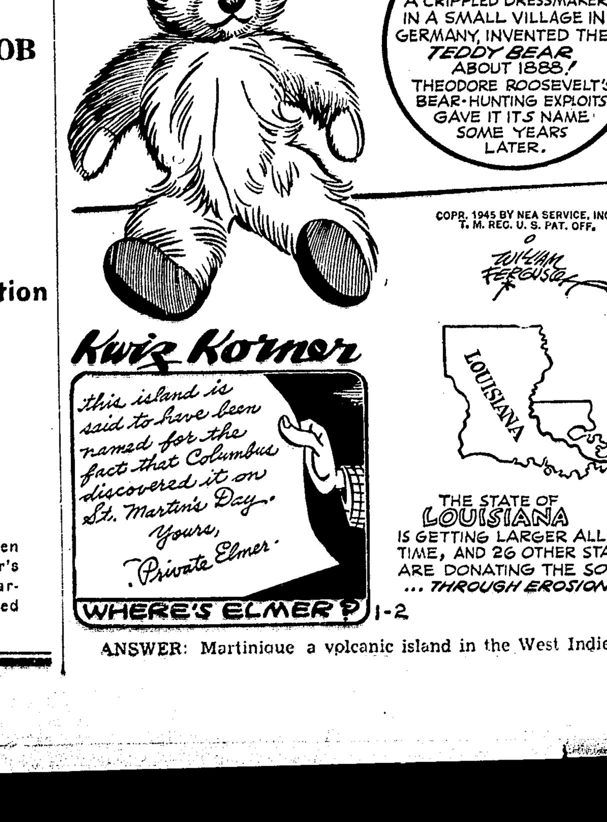
This Curious World By William Ferguson



ANSWER: Martinique a volcanic island in the West Indies.

U.S. Racing Halted for First Time

By LEO H. PETERSEN
United Press Sports Editor

New York, Jan. 3 — (UP) — Horse racing, the "sport of kings" which drew its major support from the man on the street, blacked out in the United States today for the first time since it was introduced in this country back in 1665 — 280 years ago.

The country which had become the greatest horse race nation in the world gave up the sport in compliance with a government request that it conserve its manpower, materials and transportation needs for the war effort.

The ban became effective at midnight last night when the dog tracks in Florida closed their gates. It affects harness racing, too, but none of those tracks were scheduled for operation until spring.

How long the sport will be suspended no one knew, but track operators and owners of thoroughbreds were hopeful that the war situation would ease enough to permit resumption of racing by spring.

Although there were scattered protests, the industry, for the most part, took its closing — the most devastating blow sports has received in World War II — in a cooperative spirit. The general feeling among owners, trainers, jockeys, touts, bookmakers, and track employes alike was that the war comes first.

There was a report that the governors of 22 states where tracks are located would be asked by the industry to meet in the near future and use their influence to lift the ban in those states which are not in the critical manpower shortage areas, but there was no confirmation.

Many of the 40,000 persons employed by the industry were expected to wind up in war plants. So, too, were thousands of the nation's bookmakers, but a majority of the latter, a United Press survey showed, will continue to operate by making book on the two track in Mexico and the one track in Havana which are operating on limited schedules.

The War Manpower Commission set up a recruiting office at Fair Grounds, New Orleans, after the close of racing there yesterday and estimated that five per cent of the 5,000 employes and other persons whose living depended on racing there already had applied for war plant work.

The WMC had two officials interviewing the track personnel at Tropical Park, near Miami, Fla., and Area Director Louis A. Miller predicted that a great number of the 2,600 affected there would be "salvaged."

Joyous Jailbreak

Pushing joyously from jail in the Alsatian border town of Haguenau, where they had been imprisoned by the Nazis for political offenses, the French women above were some of 300 freed when the Nazis left town as the U. S. 7th Army moved in. Many had been in jail two years.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Hugh S. Fullerton, Jr.

New York, Jan. 3 —(AP)— When that expected sports boom begins after the war, look for basketball to spread out faster than any other sport . . . Even in war time the cage game has registered some notable gains, notably in New England and the deep south.

YOU NAME 'EM

Florida can offer a good example of how service teams are bringing good basketball to sections that have produced few standouts . . . Among the former college aces in action there are Gus Broberg, Dartmouth; Stan Waxman, Long Island; Leo Klier, Notre Dame; Tommy Thompson, Michigan; Chuck Joachim, Mt. Union; Dave Kaiser, Wisconsin; Bill Simpson, Seton Hall; and Phil Seghi, Northwestern . . . Fans who watch them won't be satisfied with second-rate performances later.

Shorts and Shells

Out of 300 players on the National Football League active list on Dec. 7, 1941, 244 are in the armed forces. That's 74.2 percent — not counting seven club owners, three trainers, four publicity men and two league officials . . . Lt. Billy Shaw, Jr., son of the Syracuse, N. Y., fight promoter, has been awarded the Air Medal for his feats in piloting a bomber over Germany . . . When Charles Comiskey bossed the St. Louis Browns, one of the pitchers was Edward Knouff . . . Naturally, a fan seeing him would say: "That E. Knouff."

University Meets Baylor on Saturday

Fayetteville, Jan. 3 —(AP)— Arkansas Razorbacks are prepping hard for their tils here Friday and Saturday nights against Baylor University's Bears.

Coach Gene Lambert put his cagers through a stiff work out yesterday and will keep up the pressure because the Bears gave Arkansas trouble last season and the Porkers expect to run into some stiff competition this weekend.

Lambert said his squad could have beaten Oklahoma A. and M. in the all-college tourney at Oklahoma City if even one hog player had been "hot." He declared that he's not worried about downing the Aggies either in Little Rock or El Dorado Jan. 12 or 13.

Spa Race Betting Suspends for First Time in 15 Years

Hot Springs, Jan. 3 — (AP)—With the government "request" banning horse racing effective today, no bets were placed here on horse races for the first time in 15 years. Owners of more than 300 horses which were being exercised at the Oaklawn Park track here for opening of the racing season Feb. 26 were affected by the government action.

Basketball Scores

By The Associated Press

East

Westminister 96; Bethany (W. Va.) 50.
Ellis Island Coast Guard 48; Navy Lido Beach 53.

South

Jacksonville Naval Air Station 62; Orlando Army AFTAC 35.
Duke 27; Fort Bragg 21.

Midwest

Ottumwa Naval Air Station 45; Iowa Preflight 42.
Kansas State 55; Oklahoma 54.
Truax 45; Marquette 42.
Indiana 53; Mexico City 33.
Purdue 44; Notre Dame 32.
Bowling Green 67; Assumption (Canada) 36.
Brigham Young 48; Walker (Kans) Army Air Base 45.

West

Second Air Force 38; Peterson Field (Colorado Springs) 37.

Peter the Great of Russia could not read nor write until he had been czar five years.

New Major League Pact Being Drafted

By JERRY LISKA

Chicago, Jan. 3 — (AP)—Baseball's major league leaders meet here Friday to draft a new major league agreement re-creating the office of commissioner and presumably whittling down the big stick the late K. M. Landis waved inexorably for 24 years.

The job of assembling a work formula for Landis' succesors falls to a 10-member committee, including five representatives each from the American and National Leagues. It was handed this task at the leagues recent New York meeting.

Apparently sounding the sentiments of most other owners, P. K. Wrigley of the Chicago Cubs and a committee member, said he would like to see a new agreement which would "codify the rules" of baseball operation under a commissioner.

"We all agree that Judge Landis did an incomparable job of running baseball for 24 years," declared Wrigley, "but the time has come — for we should have learned something in those 24 years — to say just what the commissioner had jurisdiction over — there should be a set of specifications drawn."

He referred to a clause in the old agreement which gave Landis carte blanche in any and all matters relating to baseball. The judge's preemptory use of this cudgel often bruised the pocketbooks as well as the feelings of some club officials.

Both Wrigley and Will Harridge, American League president and member of a three-man council temporarily governing baseball, said there was no likelihood that any candidates would be considered for the commissionship at this time.

Neither Harridge nor Wrigley appeared concerned over the possibility that federal crack-down on 4-F men might threaten the 1945 campaign.

Said Wrigley:

"No one can say what will happen between now and spring on the war fronts."

Fights Last Night

By The Associated Press

Jersey City—Joey Haddad, 146, Paterson, outpointed Mario Micelli, 146, New Haven, Conn.

New Bedford, Mass.—Benny Singleton, 135, Waterbury, Conn., out-pointed Jean Barriere, 131, Montreal (10).

Brooklyn, N. Y. — Maxie Berger, 147, Montreal, outpointed Richard (Sheik) Rangel, 152, Fresno, Calif. (8).

New York (Broadway arena)—Maxie Berger, 147, Montreal, decisioned Sheik Rangel, 152, Fresno, Cal., (8).

White Plains, N. Y.—Billy Grant, 181 1-4, Orange, N. J., knocked out Walter Thomas, 183, New York, (1).

Newark, N. J. —Teddy Randolph, 182 1-4, New York, decisioned Johnny White, 211 1-4, Jersey City, (10).

Los Angeles—Fitzy Fitzpatrick, 168, Oak Hill, W. Va., knocked out Gregorio Gonzales, 166, Hermosillo, Mex., (1).

QUICK WORK

A Seventh AAF Heavy Bombardment Base in the Marianas —(AP)— Lt. Albin W. Novak, 29, communications officer from Hudson, Pa., was writing to his parents, "I hear that Leo is overseas. I'd give a lot to have him come this way because it has been three years since I have seen him."

He sealed the letter, looked up. There was his brother, Sgt. Leo J. Novak, 26, of 42 Central Avenue, Jersey City, N. J.

Confessed to Murder

John Lehrman Sumpter, 22-year-old ex-soldier from Cuthbert, Ga., held in San Francisco jail for Los Angeles police after walking into the local police office and allegedly confessing to the murder of pretty New York heiress Georgette Beauderdorf in her Hollywood apartment last October 12th. (NEA Telephoto).

The table land of Tibet, in central Asia, average more than 16,000 feet in altitude.

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THE WEATHER

Arkansas: considerable cloudiness this afternoon, tonight and Friday; colder tonight with lowest temperatures 28-32 in north and central portions.

Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor
Alex. H. Washburn

Problems of Cotton They Lie Beyond Mere Marketing

A press release from Memphis tells me that there will be a meeting in that city January 22-24 of the National Cotton Council of America with the discussion "narrowed down to specific fields of competition".

Meetings of city business men held in metropolitan hotels to discuss the problems of cotton must seem far-fetched to the average dirt-farmer—and yet certain grim examples within the actual experience of this generation must convince the man on the farm that some of the trouble with cotton lies beyond the mere market place.

Cotton is being attacked not only from a trading point of view—Brazilian cotton comes on the world market with fair quality and a lower price—but also by competitive products.

When an article of commerce meets an entirely different article which threatens to supplant it in public favor then the problem is not of marketing but of research to find yet undiscovered uses for the product that is slipping. And research is largely a matter of city chemists and laboratories. Cotton can't possibly spend too much on research right now—for research is the thing that has brought successful competitors into the field against it. . . competitors such as rayon and nylon.

Right now we are in the midst of a war boom, when the normal law of supply and demand is suspended—but before the war boom we had plenty of evidence of the effectiveness of research in the way that steel, light metals and plastics began replacing our native wood in industry. The lumber industry, roused out of its long sleep, launched a study of laminated and pressed woods. The war happened to expedite this study, due to the interest of aviation in laminated-wood bomber planes (the famed "Mosquito" bomber)—and the chances now are that wood will stage a great come-back after the war.

Cotton needs precisely the same kind of research—and it is the object of the Cotton Council to interest the whole South in it. South, whether urban or country, should stay with this program year after year. It is the one sure road back to peacetime prosperity for cotton —a product which is visibly declining in our section.

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BY JAMES THRASHER

Mr. Avery and Mr. Petrillo

In ordering the second Army seizure of Montgomery Ward & Co. facilities, President Roosevelt chided Sewell Avery, Ward's board chairman, for his bitter fight against employe unions "in reckless disregard of the government's efforts to maintain harmony between management and labor."

Mr. Avery surely deserved some chiding: So, it seems to us, does James C. Petrillo, president of the American Federation of Musicians. Both men have defied the government by defying War Labor Board orders.

But Mr. Petrillo has fought management while Mr. Avery has fought labor. And the contrasting treatment given these two men raises a question of how well balanced the government's efforts toward harmony have been.

Mr. Avery's defiance of WLB orders has twice caused the government to send in troops to occupy and operate Ward properties. The second occupation followed a C.I.O. threat of a general strike by Detroit war workers and an act of vandalism in Ward's Dearborn, Mich., store which destroyed thousands of dollars' worth of foodstuffs and hard-to-replace merchandise.

Mr. Petrillo's defiance of the WLB was followed by a polite letter from the President asking him to call off his strike against the recording companies, as the WLB had ordered. Mr. Petrillo refused and nothing more was done. The recording company signed on Mr. Petrillo's terms. No war plant managements threatened a sympathy lockout.

After Mr. Petrillo's refusal the President announced that he would search the law for a possible means of compelling Mr. Petrillo to obey the WLB. Apparently there is no such legal means. At any rate nothing was done.

But no such lack of legal support has deterred the government from moving in on Ward's with guns and injunctions.

Elsewhere in the announcement quoted above, Mr. Roosevelt said that 'strikes in wartime cannot be condoned, whether they are strikes by workers against their employers or strikes by employers against their government." With this all patriotic Americans will agree.

And most of them will agree that no brief can be held for Mr. Avery or for Mr. Petrillo. The actions of both have been against the public interest. Nor can there be any argument that labor deserves fair treatment.

But fair treatment is one thing and preferential treatment is another. The latter is against the public interest, too.

Car Care

The outlook for new tires in 1945 is definitely bleak. The outlook for new cars just isn't. All of which calls for more nursing, coddling, and fussing than ever if the old bus is going to endure for the duration.

What to do about it is old stuff by now. But perhaps a brief round-up is worth repeating, especially for the many service wives who may be faced with symptoms of automobile senility that would even stump the family tinkerer who is now overseas.

So here are a few do's and don'ts suggested by car and tire manufacturers:

Keep tires properly inflated. Check pressure weekly. Switch tires, including spare, at least every 500 miles. Check wheel alignment, casing flaws, brake balance. Avoid fast stops and starts—and don't speed!

(Continued on Page Five)

Major Defeat for FDR in New Congress

By RYAMOND LAHR

Washington, Jan. 4 — (UP) — The administration today emerged from its first battle of the new Congress with a major defeat that pointed clearly to continued clashes between President Roosevelt and Capitol Hill during the next two years.

Administration hopes for easier sailing in this Congress, based on increased Democratic strength in the House, were jolted yesterday when a coalition of Republicans and southern Democrats ... through a proposal to create a "permanent Dies committee" over administration opposition.

It was such a coalition that defeated the New Deal on numerous occasions in the last Congress. And the 207 to 186 vote on the Dies committee question indicated that a similar combination could again be expected, especially on the domestic issues where there is the greatest cleavage between the White House and southern Democrats.

With one battle already out of the way, Congress began marking time awaiting Mr. Roosevelt's annual message Saturday and the completion of committee's to handle legislation.

Martin Dies, D., Tex., who headed the Committee on Unamerican Activities since it was originated, did not seek re-election and hence will not serve on the permanent new committee. Three of the remaining seven members were defeated in the past elections and also will be missing.

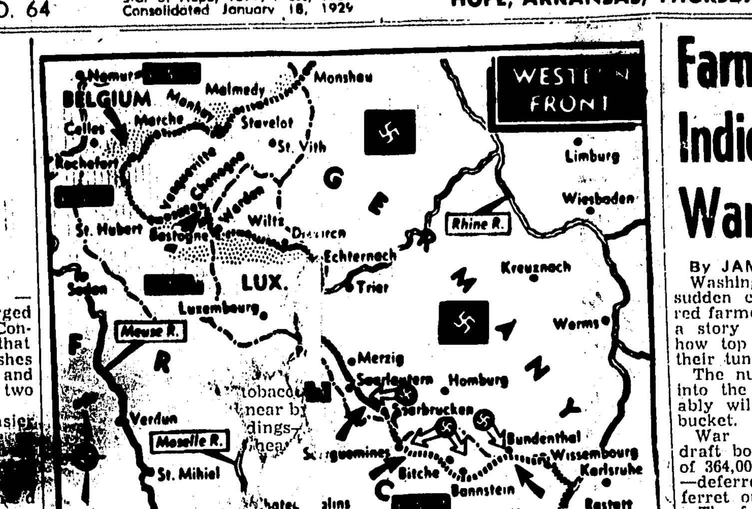
There was no immediate indication of the makeup of the new committee, which will have nine members, but one responsible administration supporter said he doubted it would become "another Dies committee." Under Dies' leadership, the committee was one of the strongest critics of the administration, accusing many officials of Communist leanings or affiliations.

The decision to give the committee permanent status — previously it required extension with each new Congress — was a personal triumph for Rep. John E. Rankin, D., Miss., who put it through with a parliamentary maneuver that caught the administration forces off guard.

Rankin had served notice last month that he would seek to renew the life of the six-year-old committee, but he sprang a surprise yesterday by proposing an amendment to the House rules before the new Congress was two hours old. Normally, the House adopts its old rules without amendment at the beginning of each session and subsequently considers changes on recommendation of the Rules Committee.

On the vote, 17 Republicans combined with 70 Democrats to approve a permanent committee. The opponents included 150 Democrats, 34 Republicans and two minor party members. Nearly all of the 70 "aye" Democratic votes come from Democrats representing southernor border states.

Rankin called the vote a "great victory," but disclaimed any ambition to head the committee. And he said that while he doubted he would want to serve even as a member, he did want to see "good men" appointed to it.



The Western Front from Belgium to the Saar, showing how the 1st and 3rd Armies have driven Nazis back in the north and how Nazis have started a new drive on the 3rd and 7th Armies in the south. (NEA Telemap).

U. S. Foreign Policy Is to Be Disclosed

By JACK BELL

Washington, Jan. 4 —(AP)— Amid signs that Congress wants more information of foreign policy, Secretary of State Stettinius and Senator Connally (D-Tex) arranged today a straight-talk session on international problems.

Connally, who is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, expected to learn at the meeting where the administration stands on some current international questions.

In return, he planned to give Stettinius a summary of what he considers is the Senate majority's attitude on such problems as European boundary decisions and steps to be taken to organize for future peace. Their session may be followed later by a conference between President Roosevelt, Connally and possibly other legislative leaders.

The president has been expected in some quarters to outline a definite foreign program in his annual message to be read to Congress Saturday. Advocates of immediate action to organize the United Nations ... working council which could ... with diplomatic problems ... the war contiunes are not ... all of their eggs in that basket.

Colombia Plans Big Steel Mill

Bogota, Colombia—(AP)—Plans to establish a steel mill in South America, second only to Brazil's new plant, are under way here with a reported $6,000,000 capital from government sources.

The ore to be exploited is the Paz del Rio deposit, with 140 million tons known to exist, and with coal and water power nearby.

Turkey Cuts Relations With Japs

Washington, Jan. 4. —(AP)—President Rooselelt today welcomed Turkey's decision to cut diplomatic ties with Japan as further demonstrating a desire for "a rapid and complete victory of the Allies."

He issued this statement:

"Turkey's decision to sever relations with Japan is further evidence of Turkey's desire for the rapid and complete victory of the Allies. This action will result in the closing of Japanese government establishments in Turkey which, since the German establishments were closed by the Turkish government, were the last footholds of the Axis on Turkish soils.

"I welcome this action by the Republic of Turkey."

Message to Congress May Go on Air

Washington, Jan. 4 —(AP) — President Roosevelt is thinking of driving his annual message home to the American people Saturday by submitting it to Congress and then putting it on the air in person.

That's the procedure he followed last year. He sent the "state of the union" message to Capitol Hill at noon, Jan. 11, then read it almost word for word over the radio the same night.

Whether Mr. Roosevelt will take another spin around the same course Saturday hasn't been determined finally, partly because the message has not been finished. There still is a lot of work ahead if it is to be compressed into something under 5,000 words.

He went on the air a year ago because he was "very anxious that the American people be given an opportunity to hear what I have recommended to the Congress and the reasons for those recommendations."

One of those recommendations was for national service legislation. He tied it into a five-point program which he said he wanted in its entirety and not piecemeal. Congress didn't give it to him.

Whether the president may have some equally far-reaching proposals this year remains to be seen. Washington is wondering to what extent he may back up suggestions already made by War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes on such points as legislation to draft 4-Fs for limited service or for work in war plants.

The message also will be scrutinized carefully for any bearing it may have on Allied disagreements on European policy, which have bobbed up lately to plague governments on both sides of the Atlantic.

It will be watched, too, for any new enunciation of administration war objectives and peace aims, and for ideas about where America is going after the shooting stops.

G. D. Compton Dies; Funeral Here Friday

Gelolo Daniel Compton, 67, native of Bingen and veteran engineer for Missouri Pacific Lines, died at 8 o'clock Wednesday night in Josephine hospital after a short illness.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, W. W. and Leo Compton both of Hope; two daughters, Mrs. V. E. Pool of Kaufman, Texas, and Mrs. George Connell of San Diego, Calif.; and three brothers, Alvin and Luther Compton, both of Bingen, and Henry Compton, of Texarkana.

The funeral service will be held at 9:45 o'clock Friday morning at Herndon-Cornelius Funeral Home, with Dr. Thomas Brewster, Presbyterian pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Ozan cemetery at Bingen. The funeral will be conducted with Masonic rites.

Pallbearers, active: Norman Seale, Evan Wray, Harry Shiver, R. W. Davis, Dr. F. D. Henry, A. S. Willis, Crayton Walker and W. T. Clark.

Honorary: Dr. G. E. Cannon, Dr. P. B. Carrigan, Dr. A. J. Neizhbors, Clyde Monts, L. A. Carleson, C. E. Cassidy, W. S. Atkins, J. W. Harper, H. B. Barr, A. A. Albritton, Paul Simms, I. L. Pilkinton, and all members of the Hope Masonic lodge and of the Hope organization of Missouri Pacific Lines.

DESTRUCTIVE KISSING

The famous "Black Stone" of Mecca has been worn smooth by the kisses of millions of devotees since Mohammed himself kissed it more than 1300 years ago.

Strictness Brought New World

Captain Boycott, a land agent in Ireland, treated his tenants with such severity that they retaliated by refusing to work for him, and allowing no one else to do so. This incident, in 1881, was the origination of the word "boycott."

PICKLED PETS

Until comparatively recently, French peasants often ate cats as rabbits. It is said that the practice persists in some sections of the country. In China, both cats and dogs are pickled whole and then eaten.

14-District Office Plan of Veterans Service Bureau Is Opposed at Budget Meeting

Little Rock, Jan. 4 —(AP)— An Arkansas Service Bureau plan for setting a system of 14 district offices to assist returning servicemen in obtaining benefits ran into opposition today at a meeting of the legislative joint budget committee.

Rep. James PR. Campbell of Garland, a disabled veteran of World War I, said he believed it would be a better system to increase the force in the state bureau office and allow post officers of American Legion posts additional money to perform these duties.

Rep. Merle B. Smith of Jefferson said the plan outlined by the bureau might duplicate work under a system outlined by the state military department for county welfare units to help returning servicemen.

The bureau submitted a budget request of $62,600 a year as compared to a present $16,700 a year budget. The additional funds would be used to hire 14 district service officers who would head the district offices and two claims officers. Under the plan two district offices would be set up in each of the state's seven congressional districts.

Bureau Director Joe L. Hearne said that such a system would enable Arkansas servicemen to obtain approximately $500,000 a year more in federal benefits than they would receive without such a system.

The service bureau assists servicemen in obtaining various benefits through the Veterans Administration.

Budget requests from the state welfare and education departments for the 1945-47 biennium were taken up today by the pre-session legislative budget committee which yesterday approved a wide reorganization plan for the state police department, allowing a budget of $253,790.

Earlier the committee deferred action on the University of Arkansas request, postponing an expected fight until after the legislature convenes Monday. Senator Roy Milum of Harrison, suggested action be delayed because "some things are being considered that might change our decisions."

Police Superintendent-Designate Jack Porter presented an administration-approved plan under which the state police department would be divided into two divisions—highway patrol and identification and criminal investigation. The two departments would be headed by captians with salaries of $2,900 yearly. Porter said appointments of the two captains would be announced next week.

The $3,500 a year position of assistant superintendent, held several years by veteran Cliff Atkinson, was abolished in the superintendent-designate's new plan.

Porter told the committee the highway patrol division would be assigned strictly to the highways and any help needed in apprehension of criminals would be taken care of by the 11 officers of the identification and criminal investigation division or by the six members of the executive staff.

The department had requested a budget of $254,560 for 1945-46, with a current appropriation of $266,460 yearly.

Opposition to proposed consolidation of the state schools for the deaf and blind was impressed by Senator G. W. Lookadoo, of Arkadelphia, and Rep. Blert Fausett of Pulaski, when the consolidated budget was revised slightly to correct an error.

Farm Draft Indicative of War's Trend

By JAMES MARLOW

Washington, Jan. 4. —(AP)— The sudden crackdown on draft-deferred farmers is the latest chapter in a story that is grim and shows how top officials have changed their tune.

The number of men squeezed into the army from farms probably will be just a drop in the bucket.

War Mobilizer Byrnes wants draft boards to go over their list of 364,000 men aged 18 through 25 —deferred as farm workers—and ferret out the unneeded.

The farm draft boards are supposed to have done this already, repeatedly. It's to be assumed —and that's the opinion of informed people here—that most of the 364,000 will be found still needed on farms.

Last April draft calls were about 200,000. As the army and navy got up to peak strength, draft calls started dropping. Only men 18 through 25 were needed.

We invaded Europe, the Germans looked sick, and draft calls dropped. Then the Germans fought back. But the war has been costing us men.

Up to Aug. 29 —which was 32 months and 22 days after Pearl Harbor—total army casualties in all theaters were 337,743.

But in the next 3 1-2 months we had suffered two-thirds as many casualties as we had suffered in the previous 32 1-2 months.

But since Dec. 14—when the army last released its casualty list —the Germans put on their offensive which cost us heavily.

And now—in January and February—the army wants its draft calls upped from 60,000 to 80,000 a month. A big share of these draftees will come from the youths reaching 18.

On Monday Byrnes said he wanted 4-F between 18 and 38 forced into war jobs or into the army if they're not in essential work. Now he cracks down on the farm workers.

Byrnes actions this week climax a series—a fairly recent series of moves by top officials who only a few months ago seemed optimistic.

In July Prime Minister Churchill thought Germany's end might come "earlier than we have any right to say" and General Eisenhower in August thought Germany would be licked in 1944 "if everyone did his part."

Keeping pace with statements like these, here at home plans were hastily whipped together—under prodding by Brynes—for reconversion to peacetime when Germany fell.

But Germany didn't fall. Our casualties increased. And suddenly we were told—although only a couple of months before arrangements were made for letting a number of plants go into civilian work —of a great need for all kinds of munitions, including mortar shells which couldn't be made until next August.

And there has been a steady, increasing pounding ever since by Washing big-wigs for more war production and for workers to stay on the job.

Finally, J. A. Krug, chairman of the war production board, disclosed that war production had been affected by overly optimistic statements by the "wise boys in Washington."

So, now it's all out war work and no optimism.

Cancellation of Stamps Is Defended

New York, Jan. 4. —(AP)— Price Administrator Chester Bowles said Wednesday that OPA's recent order invalidating many food rationing points without giving advance notice was issued to "give everyone his fair share of 1945 supplies."

Discussing the cancellation of sugar stamps, red points and blue points, which he described as "one of the toughest decisios we have ever had to make," Bowles declared in a speech prepared for an American management Association luncheon that the country never has faced "a more critical period in our effort to hold war time prices in line and distribute scare goods fairly."

Bowles said solutions must be found for five major problems, relating to "food rationing, clothing prices, livestock ceilings, reconversion pricing and the absorption to a reasonable extend of cost increases by the distributive trade."

Continued heavy fighting n Europe and a steady increase in consumer demands necessitated the drastic tightening of food rationing, he said.

Washburn Speaker Tonight at Kiwanis Club of El Dorado

Alex H. Washburn, publisher of The Star, will speak at 7 o'clock tonight (Thursday) at the annual ladies' night and installation meeting of the El Dorado Kiwanis club in the Garrett hotel, El Dorado. He was editor of the El Dorado Daily News before consolidating the Hope papers in 1929.

New telephone equipment permits a toll operator in one city to dial a subscriber's phone in another city without the assistance of an operator in the second city.

The largest export market for Canadian seed potatoes is the United States.

1st Army Smashes at Belgian Bulge; Nazis Hit Bastogne

—Europe

Germans Seek to Lift Siege of Budapest

By EDDY GILMORE

Moscow, Jan. 4 —(AP) — Mobile warfare raged between Budapest and Vienna today as a huge German tank and infantry force, mounting the first German counter-offensive on the eastern front since October, sought to break through Russian lines to the relief of the surrounded garrison in the Hungarian capital.

In the last two days the Russians had given ground and it was probable that more would have to be yielded, although the Russians appeared to be getting the situation in hand.

The German counterassault was sprung from the area of Komarom, a Danube river town 45 miles northwest of Budapest.

The German-Hungarian garrison in Budapest, where the Russians have overrun 1,062 city blocks, was reported making savage attacks in an effort to break out toward the relieving force.

Nearly a third of the eastern section of the capital was in Soviet hands, an additional 200 blocks having been captured in the last 24 hours.

The exact time the Germans launched their counterattack in the Komarom area has not been disclosed, but from available reports it appears to have been Tuesday morning in the snowy dawn.

A heavy German thrust was thrown at Russian artillery positions. A Red Star dispatch said the artillery line had been forced back by German tanks southeast of the city but it did not state the extent of the withdrawal. The official account said merely that the Russians had given up several populated points along the southern bank of the Danube.

The most recent official accounts of the advance on Komarom had placed Russian elements 10 1-2 miles east of the city.

The German Air Force has been giving increasing support to the attacking armor and infantry. The enemy action, although heavy and violent, does not resemble any counteroffensive, field dispatches said.

The Russian communique said the attack was launched by "large forces of infantry and tanks." It added:

"At the cost of heavy losses in men and material, the enemy was able to capture several populated places on the southern bank of the Danube."

The bulletin said Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's troops, driving on Losonc (Lucenec), in southern Slovakia northwest of Budapest, had captured Sacher, half a mile from Losonc's limits. Ten other places to the east and south also fell to the Russians.

Paris, Jan. 4 —(AP) — American First Army infantry and tanks fought three miles forward in the new offensive against the north flank of the Belgian bulge by 8 a. m. and ... the advance today through blinding snowstorm, it was disclosed at supreme headquarters.

The advance reached to within 13 1-2 miles of Third Army vanguards in the south in the Bastogne sector.

The village of Beffe, four miles southeast of Hotten and seven southwest of Grandmenil, was captured. Fighting was in progress for Malempre, three miles east of Grandmenil. Other forces of the First Army captured two towns southeast of Rochefort at the western most tip of the bulge, beating German tank divisions.

The gains were along a six mile front on both sides of Grandmenil, 20 miles north of Bastogne. Three to five miles north and northeast of that bastion town on the southern flank of the German penetration, the U. S. Third Army was halted by violent counterattacks against the heroic 101st Airborne Division.

Half the gains below Grandmenil were made in the first eight hours after Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' resilient army went over the top. Weather worsened. Snowstorms turned into blizzards. Field Marshal Von Rundstedt reacted swiftly with tank-supported counterattacks.

(The Germans said British tanks were participating in the new offensive and that the U. S. 9th Army had been rolled up from Aachen.)

A battle dispatch said the U. S. 7th Army had blunted the German drive south of Bitche below the German Palatinate. The enemy, however, had advanced up to four miles in a day and struck within two and a half miles of hte open Alsace plain. There he could threaten Allied positions in the Wissembourg gap into the Palatinate and to Strasbourg on the Rhine.

Moreover, the Americans had Saarland save for the Saarlautern row conquests in the Palatinate and been forged to abandon their narbridgehead.

In the first three hours, the First Army knocked out more than ten tanks.

Hodges struck without benefit of artillery or aerial bombardment and his Sherman tanks caught the Nazis almost completely by surprise, AP Correspondent Hal Boyl wirelessed. The tanks mushed over slippery ice, on slushy roads and sodden fields. Men could see no further than 300 yards.

By JAMES M. LONG

Paris, Jan. 4. —(AP)— First Army tanks and infantry bit into the northern and southwest tip of the Belgian bulge today while the famous 101st airborne division battled violent German counterattacks around Bastogne which halted Third Army advances on the south.

Field Marshal Von Rundstedt reinforced his threatened southern flank to ten divisions and sent 100 tanks and two infantry regiments crunching into snow round Bastogne against the sky troopers in two counter thrusts. Some tanks filtered through the lines of the Eagle division, which had shouted a defiant "nuts" to a demand for surrender when surrounded at Bastogne early in the campaign.

Several tanks were destroyed. The enemy infantry was checked. The fighting was in a blizzard with temperatures down to zero.

The First Army advanced a mile and a half against the nose of the German bulge below Rochefort and was described offic-

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5,908 Bales Ginned in Nevada, Against 6,951 a Year Ago

The census report shows that 5,908 bales of cotton ginned in Nevada county from the crop of 1944 prior to December 13, as compared with with 6,951 bales for the crop of 1943, according to Carl Munn, special agent for the Department of Commerce.

Pacific War Flames Up on Long Front

By WILLIAM C. WILSON

Allied Headquarters, Philippines, Jan. 4. —(UP)— The Pacific war blazed with new fury along an 1,100-mile front southwest of Japan today as American forces surged inland from two new beachheads on Mindoro, counted 25 ships wrecked around Luzon and pressed a carrierbased assault against Formosa and the Ryukyu islands.

(Japanese communities said 400 Allied planes, most of them from carriers, renewed the attack on Formosa and Okinawa islands, the latter in the Ryukyus, today, but dropped "only a small number of bombs" that caused "almost no damage." Three and probably five of the planes were shot down, the Japanese said.

(Five hundred planes participated in yesterday's attacks on the two islands, Tokyo said, of which 17 were shot down and eight damaged. Damage in the first attack was said by Tokyo to be "slight.")

(Tokyo also reported a raid by 60 American planes on Clark field, Manila, yesterday.)

(Another Japanese communique said Japanese planes sank two large transports and damaged a destroyer yesterday in attacks on a group of American ships in the Mindanao area, between Leyte and Mindanao in the southern Philippines.)

On Japan itself, the big aircraft center of Nagoya still was smouldering from a large-scale Superfortress raid yesterday. Large fires were started, a Washington communique said, and bombing results were described as "good." One B-29 was lost over the target area and perhaps 10 enemy planes shot down.

At Mindoro, strategic Philippine island just southwest of invasion-marked Luzon, was expected to be under American control within a matter of days as result of new landings on the east coast Monday and the west coast Tuesday. There wa no indication that any formidable resistance had developed, and the Americans were expected to seize the remaining airstrips and other installations on the island in quick order.

The amphibious thrusts on Mindoro coincided with a marked intensification of the air offensive softening up the capital island of Luzon for eventual invasion. Sweeping the island from north to south, heavy and attack bombers sank or set afire a 7,000-ton transport, a 6,000-ton freighter, 21 smaller freighters and two large trawlers Monday and Tuesday.

Liberators and escorting fighters again struck at Manila's Clark Field, shooting down 11 to 13 of 20 intercepting enemy planes for a loss of one of their own, while Mitchells and Marine Corsairs hit railway installations, reservoirs, barracks and barges from Legaspi to Batangas in southern Luzon.

(A Manila broadcast said 60 American bombers and battle planes raided the Clark Field area again yesterday, but claimed the raid had been "utterly ineffective" because of furious Japanese anti-aircraft fire.)

Carrier planes, presumably from Admiral William F. Halsey's famed Third Fleet, opened an assault on Formosa, Japan's strongest island

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Battling Bernstein Shouts 'Remember Pearl Harbor' Even When His Foe Is the Germans

By HAL BOYLE

With American Troops in Belgium, Dec. 29 —(Delayed) — "Don't forget Pearl Harbor." — Pfc. Albert Joe Bernstein used to yell that in the middle of long hikes during training days. It always brought a grin to dusty lips.

"Battling Bernstein" was a morale builder then. And now, on the battlefront, this tough medical aid man from Chicago is still yepping up the wary, longfaced Joes. Even wounded men chuckle at this rough talking, sentimental medic as he patches them up and packs them off to a clearing station.

Bernie is a rifle company aid man — one of the most dangerous of medical jobs — and one of five Chicago brothers, four of them in service. He talks jerkily, gambles for big dough and is the only medic on the front to win a medal while in a daze.

"Once, back in the hedgerow country, we were seating out a big bombardment when all of a sudden a big tree was hit," says Bernie. "It broke and conked me right on the bean. Knocked me out. That's the only time I got hit. I was in a daze for two days and everyone says I did big stuff in those two days. They put me in for a Silver Star."

Bernie used to be an amateur boxer. Now he moves up with the infantry, wearing two Red Cross arm bands and aid pouches over his shoulder — but no rifle.

Once he set up a forward aid station by himself in a captured enemy pillbox and for 24 hours ran a one-man hospital under fire.

Like any good doughboy, he hates snipers. "Look," he says, "once I bend down to fix up a guy who got hit while we were marching down a road. The sniper's still around. He keeps on me. He don't try to hit me; just near misses. Lots of 'em. I got so damn mad I stood up and challenged him to come down and fight like a man. That made all the guys laugh. Helped their morales. But I never got hit!"

Bernie wears the Bronze Star for gallantry. His buddies remember many of his feats but particularly they remember the time he stumbled forward for a mile at night under steady mortar and artillery fire with two other medics to bring back their wounded and isolated battalion commander.

"That you, Battling?" the officer asked, when they reached him.

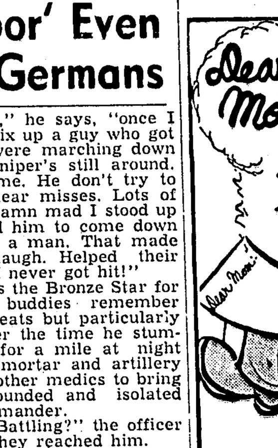
This is Bernie's version of the trip back under fire:

"First we put him on the litter. He said 'I'm cold, Battling.' What the hell, he's lost a lot of blood. No wonder he's cold. I ain't lost any blood and I'm cold too. While we were carrying him, all kinds of stuff is dropping close by.

"Once or twice I'd say, 'Sorry, Colonel, we gotta drop you.' We do and dive. He's calm —don't get excited. He's a soldier. We never dropped him with a bang, always gentle. Finally, we make it back.

"By that time they got plasma and everything ready and they fix him up. He's saying, I'm so cold.' So I give up my field jacket and now I'm cold as hell. But I got me a jacket off apatientllugin .He don't need it no more. It's nothing — stuff like that goes on all the time."

"Strictly Private"



Dear Mom: I've really got some news to tell you this time. For starting Monday, January 8, I'm joining The Star's comic page along with four other famous laugh and entertainment features—"Scorchy Smith," the thrilling adventure strip—"Modest Maidens," the feature that stars the pin-up gals of the comics—"Oaky Doaks," one of the county's most unusual comics—and "Henry," THE Boy. Please tell all your friends in Hope to watch for us.

Yours son
1st Class Private Peter Plink

Yank Action in West Europe Still Mainly Defensive

Analysis of the News by Mackenzie

Editorial Comment Written today and Moved by Telegraph

By DeWITT MacKENZIE
Associated Press War Analyst

The American First Army's new counter-offensive against the northern flank of Nazi Marshal Von Rundstedt's Belgian bulge affords solid encouragement but shouldn't have us once more into the pleasant but dangerous fields of over-optimism.

The cold fact is that the crisis of the great German assault hasn't yet been passed. Our General Ridgway drive in the Grandmenil sector — officially reported today to be making good progress against stiff resistance — must be regarded as of a defensive nature at this juncture.

Of course if the First Army push is successful it will be a complement General Patton's sensational drive northward into the southern flank of the bulge and so will threaten to cut off the bulge at the base. This would enclose large German forces in a sack. However, that's merely a potentiality. The actuality is that Von Rodgers' attack is essential for the security of the Allied lines north of the bulge.

The American forces have regained the initiative about the perimeter of the bulge, but on the southern flank of the Allied line the Germans are on the offensive in the Saarlautern-Bitche-Zweibrucken-Bitcherburg zone and have made some progress. Their main purposes are to compel us to divert forces from other areas and to oust us from the Saar region, but we may be sure that if they should succeed in making a break-through anywhere this would be exploited to the utmost in a drive into France.

Thus on the whole Von Rundstedt, while he has lost the initiative at least temporarily on the perimeter of the bulge, still is able in considerable degree to make us dance to his fiddling.

The probabilities are that the German commander still is looking for a soft spot on the north of the bulge through which he might make another thrust towards Liege and thence on to Antwerp. Loss of the great communications center of Liege would be a terrific blow to the Allies, and if the port of Antwerp were put out of commission it would be an awful catastrophe.

Two-gun Patton continues to be the great hero of the bloody drama of the bulge. He is the absolute keystone of the Allied position. Or you might say he's the monkey-wrench in the machinery of Von Rundstedt's offensive. The big salient which Patton has driven into the German southern flank about Bastogne has been the main obstacle to a fresh Nazi assault in the north towards Liege. Latest field dispatches say the Nazi commander is bringing up strong reinforcements to the Bastogne zone.

Von Rundstedt's position within the bulge is increasingly dangerous. He is deep in enemy country and the base of his long salient is far too narrow for comfort. Moreover, communications inside the bulge are bad, so that on the whole the German general likely would find it extremely difficult even now to get his forces out of the bulge without terrible losses.

Chaplin Jury Deadlocked Overnight

By VIRGINIA MACPHERSON

Hollywood, Jan. 4 (AP)— An elderly jury of seven women and five men continued its deliberations today of whether Charles Chaplin is the father of Joan Berry's baby after informing the court that it had not been able to reach an immediate decision, but was not hopelessly deadlocked.

Since it is a civil case, only nine of 12 must agree one way or another; but the division of opinion was still wider than that.

Superior Court Judge Henry M. Willis, who told the jury he would not insist on it, is being locked up until a verdict is reached, dismissed the members for the night yesterday after they had deliberated four hours and 40 minutes.

Judge Willis declined to indicate how long he would let deliberations continue before declaring a hung jury and attorneys for both sides were confident of victory.

The jurors who sit swivel arm-chairs around a heavy hardwood table while they debate the case asked the court reporter yesterday to read them portions of Miss Berry's testimony about the night of Dec. 30, 1942, which she spent with two other men besides Chaplin.

Miss Berry testified that she went to the apartment of writer Hans Eisler at about 8 p. m. and left when they had a "tiff" at about 2 o'clock. Then, she said, she went around with Vasco Bonini, former wine dealer now a soldier in the Pacific theater, for several hours until he let her out of his car at Chaplin's hilltop mansion shortly after midnight. She and Chaplin were intimate in the flickering light of an living room fireplace before he drove her part of the way home, she said.

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Plastering Isle in Japs' Front Yard

Lying at the mercy of 7th USAAF Liberator bombers, in the photo above, is the much-bombed island of Iwo Jima in the Volcano group, only 650 airline miles from Tokyo. Smoke from bomb island of Iwo Jima in the Volcano group, only 650 airline miles from Tokyo. Smoke from bomb bursts covers the main airfield in center of the island, and another, "A"-shaped, field is visible to the right. From Iwo Jima, Jap bombers have made raids on our base at Saipan.

Vienna—In Path of Soviet's Swinging Scythe

Here is the heart of Vienna, capital of Austria, bankrupt symbol of a vanished era of wine, women and Strauss waltzes, now a prime military objective of the Red Army's relentless drive through Hungary toward south Germany. The photo was taken when crowds jampacked the Heldenplatz, on the famed Ringstrasse, to celebrate the anniversary of Anschluss with Nazi Germany. Ironically atop the tower of the new court house a slogan proclaims "Victory in the West." It was in the classic Greek parliament building, on Nov. 12, 1918, that Austria was proclaimed a republic.

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Real Football Hero

Marlin E. (Buzzy) Gher, 22, 155-pound blocking back of Yale football team, is awarded Navy Air Medal by Capt. Charles C. Gill USN, commanding officer of Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla., for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as turret gunner on torpedo bomber against Jap warships at Rabaul.

Symbol of a Free France

First full-fledged French ambassador to be accredited to the U. S. since the fall of France in 1940, Henri Bonnet is pictured, above, with Madame Helle Bonnet, on their recent arrival in Washington.

Market Report

POULTRY AND PRODUCE

Chicago, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Butter, firm; receipts 256,176; market unchanged.

Eggs, receipts 7,323; firm; U.S. extras 42; 44-46 U. S. standards 39.6; current receipts 39.6. Live poultry firm; receipts 0 trucks, 1 car; prices unchanged.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Jan. 4.—(AP)— Cotton futures opened steady in late trading today as mill buying appeared sustained for the time being and traders awaited further developments. Prices were holding near the last levels for the day reflecting the general trade belief that government price support will be maintained.

Later afternoon values were 20 to 45 cents a bale higher. March 22.15, May 22.11 and July 21.81.

Futures closed 25 to 40 cents a bale higher.

Mch high 22.15 — low 22.10 — last 22.10, up 4

May high 22.11 — low 22.02 — last 22.09-10 up 7-8

July high 21.85 — low 21.72 — last 21.79-80 up 6-7

Oct high 0.97 — low20.90—last2.5 20.93 up 6

Dec high 20.91 — low 20.86 — last 20.86N up 4

Mdd ling spot 22.50N unchanged N-nominal.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Chicago, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Lagging buying interest, profit cashing and weaker cash markets sent most cereal grain futures prices to break sharply today after early gains in the losses were recovered when short covering developed in minor rally just before the close.

At the close wheat was 1-8 to 5-8 lower than yesterday's close, May $1.54 3-4 to 7-8, Corn was off 1-2 to 5-8, May $1.12 1-2. Oats were unchanged to 1-4 lower, May 76 3-8. Rye was 3-8 to 7-8 lower, May $1.38. Barley was off 1-4 to 1-2, May $1.16.

Only wheat was quoted nomin ly 1-2 to 1 cent lower with basis unchanged. Receipts 20 cars.

Corn was 1-2 to 1 cent lower. The demands was less aggressive due to a large several to receipts liberal country offerings. Corn bookings were placed at over 500,000 bushels. Sales by shippers were 322,000 bushels. Receipts 156 cars.

Oats were 1-2 cent lower. Sales by shippers were 25,000 bushels. Receipts 3 cars.

NEW YORK STOCKS

New York, Jan. 4.—(AP)— Assorted rails and industrials continued their efforts to move 2-year gains in today's stock market but many leaders were unable to surmount profit cashing handicaps.

Declines appeared after a fast opening on the upside and numerous pivotals backed into losing territory. Carriers and other favorites then stiffened and declines of fractions to 2 points were reduced or cancelled in the majority of cases. While gains were few and also distributed near the close, laggards were plentiful. Transfers were around 1,600,000 shares against 2,815,910 yesterday.

In front the greater part of the proceedings were Bethlehem, Great Northern, Southern Railway, Goodyear, Hiram Walker, Eastman Kodak, Montgomery Ward, Douglas Aircraft, Westinghouse, Southern Pacific, U. S. Rubber and American Smelting.

Bonds generally lifted forward.

ST LOUIS LIVESTOCK

National Stockyards, Ill., Jan. 4 (AP)—Hogs 14,000; active to all interests; steady to 10c higher than Wednesday's average; sows barely steady; bulk good and choice 180-300 lbs. 14.55-14.60; 00-350 lbs. 20-14.05; 140 lbs. and up 13.50-14.25; medium to choice 100-140 lbs. 12.50-13.50; bulk good sows 13.75; stags 13.25 down; good clearance included.

Cattle 8,500; calves 1,200; opening about steady on all classes; around 15 loads steers offered. Heifers making up approximately 40 percent of run; few good and choice steers 15.50; common and medium 10.50-12.50; medium and good heifers and mixed yearlings 11.00-13.50; common and medium cows 8.00-11.00; with relatively few cows sold; good beef bulls to 12.50; good sausage bulls quotable to 12.00; good and choice vealers 15.00; medium and good 12.50-15.00; cull and common 6.00-10.50; nominal range slaughter steers 9.50-10.50; slaughter heifers 8.50-10.00; choice and good stocker steers 9.00-12.25. Sheep 2,500; receipts include 2 choice decks yearlings balance native and feel lambs and ewes; fod early action.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New Orleans, Jan. 4.—(AP)— Cotton futures closed steady 5 to 35 cents a bale higher here today. The gain was attributed to a demand which came mainly from trade sources.

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New Weapons of Nazis to Prolong War

By THOMAS F. HAWKINS

Berlin, Jan. 4.—(AP)— Information from inside Germany, discussed by Nazi propaganda media, indicates German armies equipped with a series of new weapons are ready to reckoned a fighting force capable of continued effective resistance, perhaps for many months.

Moreover, the Nazis apparently believe they can still win the war by taking advantage of Allied mistakes and difficulties.

Reports dealing with the German military situation and use of secret weapons coming from a half-dozen independent sources in the Reich stress confidence that the Nazis will "somehow" win.

While a fluke might end the war tomorrow, or a new Allied offensive might quickly smash massing Nazi forces, it appears (1) that the Germans have sufficient gasoline to carry out their present battle plan; (2) new secret weapons underground factories, and (3) are being turned out steadily in troop reinforcements are still available in large quantity.

It is difficult to determine the degree these informants have unconsciously absorbed Nazi propaganda, but they are in a position to be well informed and have proved reliable in the past.

Observers in Berlin are convinced the Nazis had far greater underground stores of gasoline than the Allies believed. Synthetic gasoline is still being manufactured, and the Germans need far less fuel for their operations than in the days when the Luftwaffe went out steadily.

These informants believe firmly that "V-weapons," being turned out in underground factories in Czechoslovakia as well as in the Reich, now number up to ten. They say a new airplane, ready for use, is shot from the ground like a rocket.

Carrying a crew, it switches to gasoline until approaching the target. Then the plane can use compressed air to permit a silent swoop. After leaving the target and launching its new torpedo, it can switch back to gasoline and land normally. The plane is said to mount two cannons and has a cruising range of about 1,000 miles.

Berlin declares a new portable rocket machine, strapped to one man and firing effectively over a 400-yard range, was used in the Von Rundstedt offensive.

Meanwhile, the Nazis are studying constantly Allied propaganda, military policy and political maneuvering, especially in Greece, Belgium and France. This course is being pursued by Germany

Few details were available of the new American landings on Mindoro. Troops went ashore on both the east and west coasts unopposed, apparently not even preceded by naval bombardment though rocket ships may have laid down a preliminary barrage.

FD Nominees to Get Swift Approval

Washington, Jan. 4 — (AP — A quick Senate okay appeared in store today for President Roosevelt's latest nominations to high administrative posts.

Both Republicans and Democrats applauded the list, comprised of Chester Bowles, former consumer goods boss, for the surplus property board, Maurice Tarnopol, of the WPB ranking minority member of the military committee, said he doubted any hearings would be held.

"We all know him and his background," Austin commented.

Charles Sawyer, Ohio Democrat, was delegated for re-election to the WPB. Senator Connally (D-Tex) will join Former Governor Robinson (D-Neb), of Connecticut and Lieut. Col. Edward H. Heller of San Francisco, who were confirmed post session after a sharp Senate debate, on the surplus property board. The members will supervise disposal of possibly $100,000,000 worth of surplus war plants and property — and draw $12,000 a year salary.

Likewise, no criticism was heard of the nomination of Harry D. White, 52, to be assistant secretary of the treasury.

Some Republicans were critical of the nomination of Paul A. Porter, Democratic publicity chief during last year's campaign, to be a member of the Federal Communications Commission.

However, there was no indication the Republicans would make an organized fight against the nomination, which the Interstate Commerce Committee will consider Monday. Porter, a 40-year-old former newspaperman, is now serving on the FCC under an interim appointment.

Jap Families Returning to West Coast

Rohwer, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Eight Japanese families who were moved from the west coast to the relocation center here will return to California this month confident that their former neighbors will welcome them favorably, Ray G. Johnson, project director, said today.

Yesterday was the first day repealed Japanese could return under the security order banning them from coastal states. The first family from Rohwer will leave Monday, and others at the center are making plans.

Of the eight families, six will farm, mostly in the Lodi, Calif., vicinity; one will operate a restaurant and one will work for a wholesale produce firm, Johnson said.

The attitude among Rohwer's 6,000 population is that they are counting "without exception" on a favorable reception from former neighbors, the director stated.

He added that most of them would leave here only when they had a specific job waiting.

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Social Calendar

Thursday, January 4

Hope Chapter 328 O.E.S. will meet Thursday night at 8 o'clock in the Masonic hall. Installation of officers will be held and the Deputy Grand Lecturer will visit the chapter.

Friday, January 5

The Rose Garden Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Harry Shiver with Mrs. W. B. Mason as assistant hostess at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Coming and Going

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Williams of Little Rock were the Wednesday and Thursday guests of friends here.

Lt. and Mrs. R. C. Cunningham Jr. and little son, Chandler enroute to Alamogordo, New Mexico after Thursday morning guests of Mrs. Cunningham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. O. Thomas.

Mrs. E. F. Formby and daughter Miss Bobbie Joyce have returned from Fort Thomas Kentucky where they spend the Christmas holidays with Sgt. Fred Formby who is now serving at the Army Air Corps hospital there.

Miss Robbie Joyce Formby left Tuesday to re-enter Ouachita College after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Formby here.

A. B. Chas. R. Grogan who has recently returned from overseas duty is visiting friends here. He arrived to visit his family here.

Mr. Ray Grogan of Camden is the guest of his son, A. B. Chas. R. Grogan now stationed in the 1106 South Main street.

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A DAY IN A VIRGINIA PLANTER'S LIFE (1713)

THE road was merely a lane, or so it would be called today. It was not wide enough for two carriages to pass while going in opposite directions, but this was no hardship, for carriages were few in Virginia that two of them were not likely to meet on this quiet road. It was a beautiful highway, running under a green arch of trees, and it would take the four riders to Phillips' ordinary, on the Pamunkey River. From there another road along the river led to Belmore, which was the name of Swain's plantation.

As they approached tidewater the woods gave way to great fields of growing tobacco. Here and there they saw the huge barns to which the tobacco was taken to dry, and near by were the plantation buildings—a two-story brick or of heavy timber for the master, and behind it a little village of the cabins in which the servants and slaves lived. The huts of the slaves were always surrounded by a small field or vegetable garden from those occupied by the white indentured servants.

At that period of Virginia history, and for many years thereafter, tobacco was the life blood, heart and bones of the colony. It was the universal crop, the only lucrative kind for the colonists to turn all their attention to tobacco planting, but their motive may be readily understood. Tobacco was the only agricultural product that could be sold immediately in Europe for cash on the spot, it was therefore looked upon as ready money. As a result the colonists neglected every kind of manufacture.

With leaf tobacco occupying such a powerful position in the economic life of Virginia it is not surprising that it became a form of currency. People carried silver coins in their purses and had some larger coins in their houses, but metallic money was used only for small transactions. Substantial payments of every kind were made in tobacco.

A clergyman was paid a yearly salary of sixteen thousand pounds of tobacco; a schoolmaster received about half as much. The wages of carpenters, bricklayers and mechanics were stated in terms of tobacco. But tobacco varied greatly in value from time to time. These fluctuations gave a gambling uncertainty to business affairs.

The economic pattern of Virginia life was disastrous to the small farmer, and in the end it produced a permanent class of poverty-stricken whites.

SWAIN and Randall, with their servants, reached the Phillipsinn shortly after noon, which was a comfortable place where they had the middag meal served promptly at half-past twelve.

At the dining table there were three men and two women besides Swain and Randall. One of the men was a professor—or teacher, as he was called—at William and Mary College in Williamsburg, and the women were his wife and daughter. He was on his way to his brother's plantation on the Rappahannock. Both Swain and Randall knew him and his ladies, and there was much friendly conversation.

The party lingered long over the meal. It was not served in courses, but all the dishes were put down on the table at once. There was a vegetable soup, fried oysters with a hot sauce, fish chowder, roast goose stuffed with boiled peanuts, sweet potatoes, carrots, preserved fruit, apple pie and the patrons had their choice of variety of drinks, such as ale, beer, cider, rum punch, sherry or peach brandy. The ladies wanted coffee a' er the meal, and it was finally brought in cups as large as bowls. While waiting for it the professor's wife remarked that at home they had coffee every day. "Also tea, mother," said the young lady. "Yes, coffee and tea," the mother agreed, and anyone could see that the professor's wife considered the habitual use of tea and coffee a step upward in social prestige.

The professor paid no attention to the discussion of coffee; he was eager to set forth his views on av ir portant matter. He thought, and said, that there should be a gazette in every colony—a gazette which would print and publish the news of the colony, of all the colonies, of the world.

"Heartily do I agree with you sir," said a stranger who had not, until then, said a word to the group.

"Every colony ought to have at least one gazette—two would be better—for knowledge, and that means news and information, is one of the foundation stones of civilized life. As far as I know there is not a news sheet in any of the colonies."

"Yes, there is," Swain said. "There's one in Boston called the News-Letter. I've seen it."

"Do you call that flimsy little thing a public gazette?" the professor demanded. "It is just one sheet, about the size of writing paper, and—"

"The Boston postmaster gets it out," said the stranger. "He puts in it is what he hears in taverns and nearly everything in it is lie."

After much more talk about this and that the servants of the party and the drinking of toasts, the professor remarked that he and his wife should be on their way.

Swain seemed startled, not at the departure of the professor and his family, but at the flight of time. "Why, it's half-past two!" he exclaimed excitedly. "We should have been on our way long ago. Landlord, bring my bill."

(To Be Continued)

U. S. Losses Now Stand at 638,139

Washington, Jan. 4 — (AP) — Exclusive of the bitter German counter-offensive, American combat casualties through Dec. 21 totaled 638,139. This was an increase of 9,098 over the total announced last week for the period through December 14.

Secretary of War Stimson told a new conference the War Department has not yet received an authentic statement of personnel and materiel losses resulting from the drive launched December 16.

He added it will be some time before a report is available.

Army casualties totalled 556,352 through December 21, an increase of 8,502, and the navy's total was 81,787, a rise of 1,169.

The army's figures reported today and those reported last week follow:

Killed, 31,332 and 31,182; wounded, 36,697 and 35,942; missing, 8,- 4,481 and 4,484. The decrease in the prisoners of war category apparently represented shifts to other classifications.

Prisoners of war, 59,607 and 59,165.

Comparable figures for the navy:

Killed, 31,332 and 31,182; wounded, 36,697 and 35,942; missing, 8,- 4,481 and 4,484; prisoners of war 1,603 and 1,603.

The army's total of casualties reported today and those reported last week follows:

Killed, 103,991 and 102,961; wounded, 326,127 and 319,935; missing, 66,507 and 65,762; prisoners of

said today.

Coulter said the executive committee and the league adopted a resolution yesterday opposing any liberalizing of liquor laws and any attempt on the part of the state to prohibit within the state the liquor business. He said the Protestant Evangelical Churches of Arkansas will fight all-out against any such proposal.

Drys Oppose Any Liberalization of State Liquor Laws

Little Rock, Jan. 4. —(UP)—Any liberalizing of liquor laws now in effect in this state or any proposal to put the state in the liquor business will be fought by the Arkansas Anti-Saloon League, Clyde C. Coulter, league superintendent, said today.

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Xmas Seal Sale Totals $1,265 Here

Post - Christmas contributions have brought the total received from the sale of Christmas Seals this year to $1265.78, according to an announcement made yesterday by Chas. F. Reynerson, chairman of the Christmas Seal sale for Arkansas Tuberculosis Association.

"It is gratifying that people who forgot to send in their contributions before Christmas are not neglecting them now," he said. "We still have not quite reached our goal of $1500.00, but we hope that additional contributions will be received without further delay in order that we may have ample funds to assist this important work."

The Tuberculosis association is ready to embark upon its expanded program in 1945 as soon as the new year for this community. Purchases of Christmas Seals deserve credit for making this program possible. The sale of Christmas Seals this year is already a thing of the past, but the work which the Seals finance is just beginning.

Among the first projects to be launched in January are: A health clinic will be held at Fulton on January 10, at which time white students will also be given the patch test for tuberculosis, along with examinations of teeth, tonsils, eyes, etc., and this same service will be rendered to the colored children at the Columbus school on January 30. A clinic will also be held at Hope Public Schools and all children given the patch test, along with the general physical examination, and any suspected cases of tuberculosis will then be X-rayed when the tuberculosis X-ray machine visits the schools on March 15 and 16.

Bomb Blasts Kill Many in Athens

Athens, Jan. 4 — (UP) —A number of persons were killed or wounded and hundreds panicked today when ELAS forces hurled six mortar bombs into Constitution Square in the heart of Athens in less than a minute.

The entire volley exploded before civilians on midmorning shopping tours could find cover from flying fragments which slashed trees in the square and spattered against the Great Britain hotel, headquarters of British and Greek government forces.

Like stampeding cattle the civilians spilled into the side streets or rushed into the side doors and windows of the Great Britain hotel. Greek and British first aid teams hurried into the square to care for the casualties.

The incident came as a new government took up the task of trying to bring peace to Greece.

Among first problems on the agenda was the demand of the left-wing resistance ELAS that the Greek gendarmerie and national guard be disbanded as a precondition for its own disarmament.

ELAS leaders already have signified their ingress to peace pre sistance against the British and the Greek forces if that demand is met. They contend that the gendarmerie and national guard are actually a private rightist army.

The British communique said "good progress" had been made by British and Greek government forces in clearing ELAS troops from central and eastern Athens with a number of prisoners rounded up.

Julian Hogan Is Assistant Comptroller

Little Rock, Jan. 4 —(AP — Appointment of Julian Hogan, veteran state employe, as assistant state comptroller was announced today by Comptroller Abbington Johnson Truemper.

Hogan, an employe of the state comptroller's office for the past 23 years, has been state budget director during the past two years and Truemper said he would retain these duties during his administration.

Formerly a resident of Conway, Hogan is a graduate of the University of Arkansas.

Truemper said he favored repeal of a section in Governor Adkins' 1943 budgetary control law requiring state departments and agencies to make quarterly advance estimates of expenditures. Truemper said these estimates were a needless expense.

Gov. Laney to Be Guest of State Press

Little Rock, Jan. 4.—(AP)—The Arkansas Press Association will hold its mid-winter meeting at the Marion hotel Saturday with Governor-elect Ben Laney as the principal speaker, Executive Secretary Ed Miner announced yesterday.

The convention will be a one day affair with only business sessions scheduled. A proposed revision of the constitution and by-laws prepared by J. M. Henderson, publisher of the Dewitt Era-Enterprise will be considered.

E. W. St. John, publisher of the Mena Star and president of the association will open the convention with a report and address. Other speakers will include M. F. Jones, Jr., publisher of the Searcy Citizen and K. A. Engle, publisher of the Arkansas Democrat.

Dress up canned fruits by using sherry for cobblers, shortcakes and fruit salads.

Rare Beauty Out on a Limb

The feathered freak standing on enemy Maria Tonga's knee is a white frizzled sultan, one of the only pair in the world, recently shown at New York's annual poultry show.

S/Sgt. D. Hulsey, of Washington, Is Wounded in France

S/Sgt. Dalton Hulsey was wounded in action in France November 19, according to a War Department message to his wife, of Washington, Ark. His wounds were in the right arm and leg, according to the message.

Sgt. Hulsey has been in service for two years, and holds the Purple Heart award. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hulsey of Washington.

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Six years ago Helmuth C. Setz, above, entered a St. Louis hotel room and has not left it since. The 55-year-old millionaire recluse, pictured in bed, explained that he simply wants peace in which to carry on his studies and his business, which he transacts entirely by mail.

G-Pants for Pilots

(USAAF Photo from NEA)

G-suits (the G stands for gravity) have been adopted by the Army Air Forces to prevent fighter pilots from "blacking out" (losing consciousness) in steep dives. The anti-gravity pneumatic pants apply pressure to the pilot's abdomen and legs, preventing the blood from pooling in the lower extremities. The pants may be inflated, as demonstrated above, by lung-power or mechanically.

Ever Had Or Would You Rather Be a Horse?

If you couldn't get gas to drive home to see the old folks over the holidays, you just don't know how lucky you were. You might have had to undergo the hardships that befell Republican Senator-elect Wayne Morse of Oregon when he motored all the way from Eugene, Ore., to Washington, hauling his pet horses in a trailer van. Frigid weather, snow and icy roads totaled wee that was the climax on the sixth day, when the Senator run out of gas. But climaxed on the sixth day, when the Senator run out of gas. But the party made it, and is pictured above safely in the Capital. Left to right are Spice of Life, Senator Morse, Oregonna Bourbon and the Senator's daughter, Nancy.

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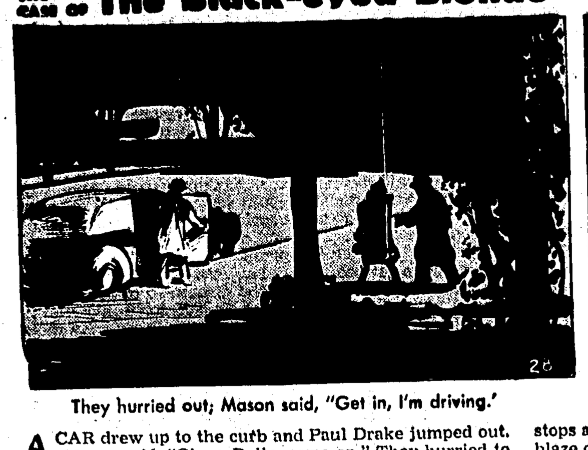
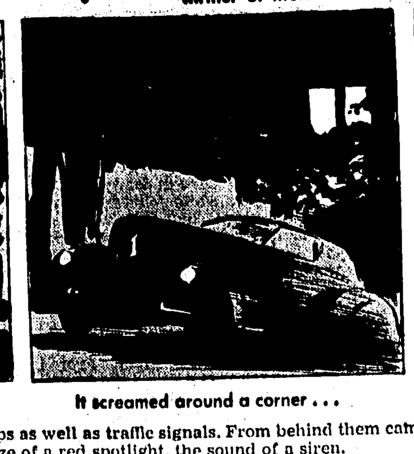


They hurried out; Mason said, "Get in, I'm driving."



It screamed around a corner ...

The officer yelled, "Halt or we'll let you have it!"

A CAR drew up to the curb and Paul Drake jumped out. Mason said, "Okay, Della, come on." They hurried to the car, Della carrying the baby and Mason said, "Get in, Paul, I'm driving."

The car lurched away from the curb, gathered momentum, screamed around the corner and leaped forward as Mason slammed it back into high gear. "Hang on to that baby, Della," Mason warned.

Paul Drake said, "For the love of Mike, Perry, take it easy. Where are we going?"

"Jason Bartsler's residence."

"Provided the bus holds together that long and nothing gets in our way. Hey! Slow down!"

Mason held the throttle down close to the floorboard, piloted the car with smooth skill, disregarding boulevard stops as well as traffic signals. From behind them came the blaze of a red spotlight, the sound of a siren.

Drake turned around, said laconically, "Okay, Perry, you've got a customer."

Mason poured throttle into the motor. "It's only another four or five blocks. No time to stop and explain."

The police car behind roared into speed. The sound of the siren became a high-pitched scream that froze traffic and gave Mason more of an opportunity to urge his car into even greater speed.

The police car gained and then gained no more. The two cars raced along, keeping their respective differences. Mason said, "Brace yourself. This is the last corner."

He swung wide, pressed the brake, released it, pressed again, released, then leaned against the wheel. The tires burned long skid marks into the pavement. The car skidded, straightened with a neck-snapping jerk and went forward like an arrow. Another two blocks and Mason swung into the curb and jammed on the brake.

Behind them the police car screamed to a stop. Mason was running up the walk toward the residence of Jason Bartsler.

From the police car came a gruff command, "Halt, or we'll let you have it."

Mason turned. "Hurry up, you damn fool," he shouted. "We're trying to prevent a murder."

The officer remained obdurate. "Halt, or I'll give you a load of buckshot!" Mason paused. From the interior of the house sounded the roar of a shot ...

(Continued tomorrow)

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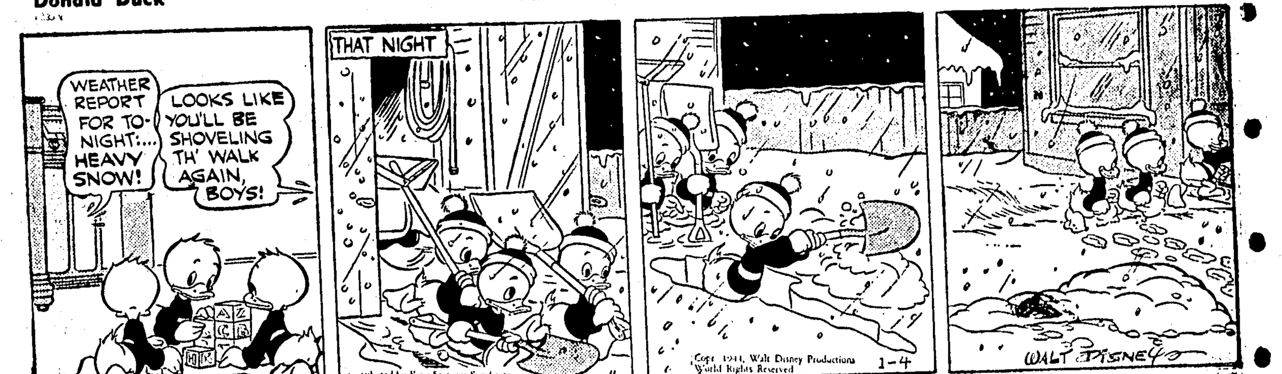

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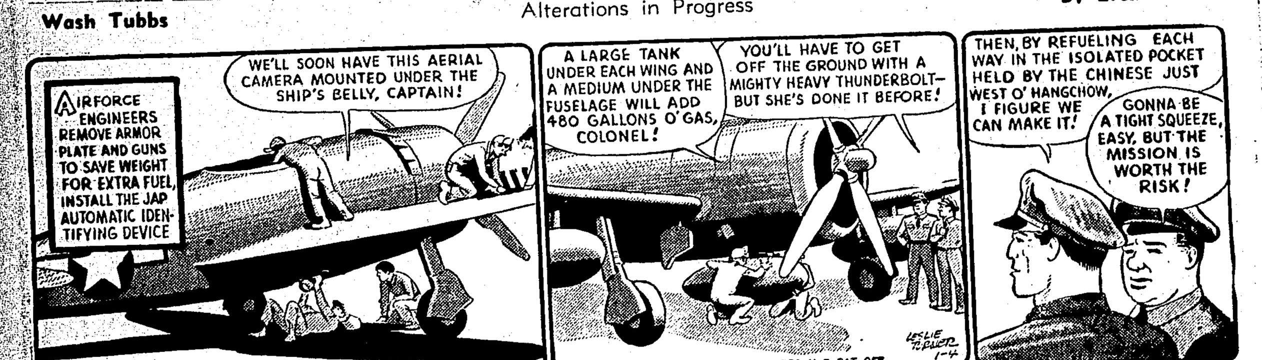

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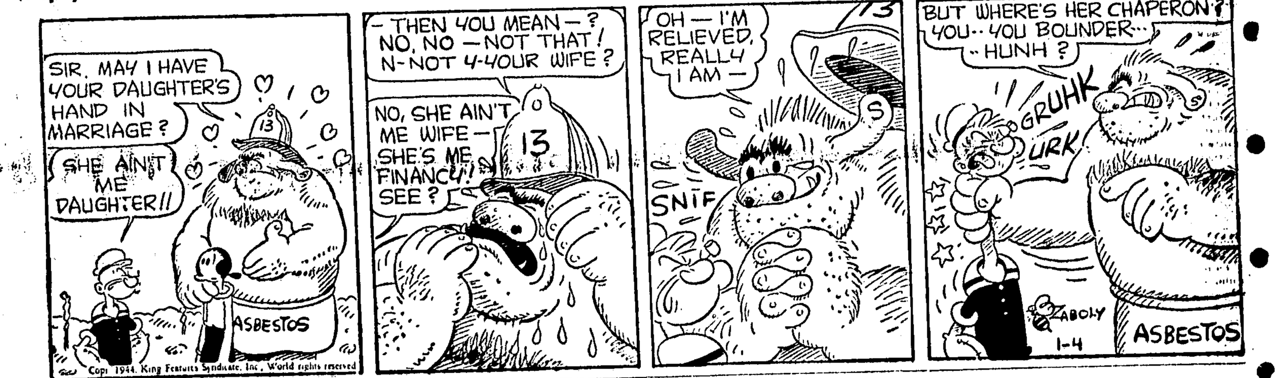

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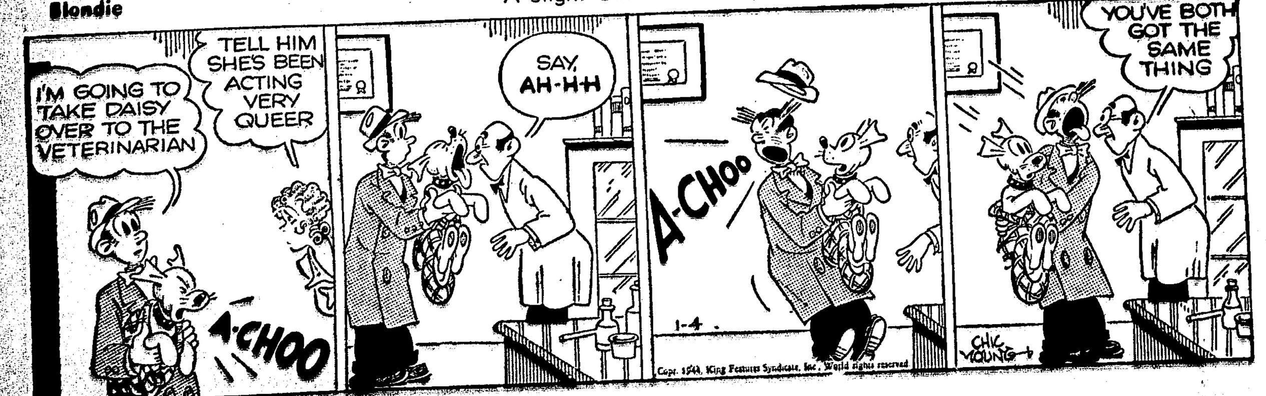

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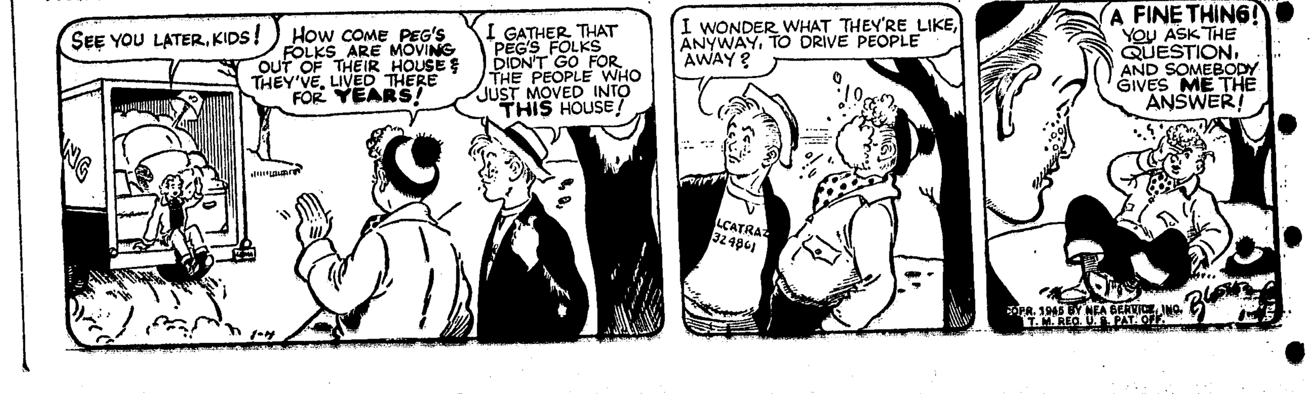


Deny Spa Is Planning to Run Races

Hot Springs, Jan. 4 —(AP)— Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin last night denied emphatically a rumor emanating from New Orleans that Oaklawn Park might attempt to sidestep a request by War Mobilization Director Byrnes which placed a ban on horse racing.

McLaughlin said he had been informed by John Cella, St. Louis, owner of Oaklawn, that the track would comply with Byrnes' nationwide request and that the season scheduled to begin Feb. 26 would not be held. About 300 horses are being wintered at the track.

Canucks Move Up Highway to Ravenna

Rome, Jan. 4 —(AP)— Canadian troops have captured the village of Conventello, two miles east of Alfonsine on the Ravenna-Ferrara highway after inflicting heavy casualties on picked German forces, Allied headquarters announced today.

Approximately 100 prisoners were taken in the advance, a communique said.

Meanwhile patrolling by both sides was intensified all the way across the front, particularly in the area of highway 65 due south of Bologna.

American artillery broke up four sharp enemy raids in the area of San Ansano, just west of Highway Nine, four miles below Bologna. At the same time the Germans continued their recently adopted tactics of trying to ambush American patrols feeling out enemy positions.

In the right sector of the American Fifth Army front, German artillery laid down a rocket barrage followed by a series of raids in the vicinity of Monte Del'verro and Sillare ridge, but were repulsed after making contact with our forces.

One American patrol attempted to slip into the village of Paradiso just northwest of Tissignano, but collided with the enemy and a sharp fight followed.

After capturing Conventello, the Canadians pushed out along a road to the north on the east bank of the Fosso Vecchio about 1,000 yards and came to within two miles of San Alberta, on the shore of the Valli Di Commachio.

This advance was accomplished against forces of Tiger and Panther tanks rushed up by Germans to support their failing infantry. Armored battles persisted.

Southwest of Alfonsine Eighth Army forces chipped away at the German bridgehead on the east bank of the Senio river and gained about a quarter of a mile.

Flashes of Life

ESSENTIAL WORKER

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 4 —(AP)— Ronald Brinkley's regular job is principal of Bellevue High school. He teaches several classes and on the side coaches both boys' and girls' basketball.

Recently the school bus driver became ill and — yep, you're right — Brinkley now drives the bus.

TOP DOG

Pueblo, Colo., Jan. 4 —(AP)— C. B. Hulsey starts every New Year the same way: By buying a city license for his dog.

For the last 12 years Hulsey's dogs have worn Pueblo City license No. 1. The present family pet has been No. 1 for nine years.

NATURE NOTES

Chanute, Kas., Jan. 4 —(AP)— Dixie, a bird dog owned by Bill Brennan, looked on while the family was showing motion pictures taken in Australia and New Guinea by Mrs. Brennan's brother, S-Sgt. T. F. Varner.

Dixie was startled, and pleased, when a group of small birds flitted across the screen. But the next scene scared Dixie so she buried her head behind the stove. It was a close-up of an ostrich.

SPLIT DECISION

Hastings, Neb., Jan. 4 —(AP)— An unidentified man ran into the street to retrieve some of the apples which spilled from a passing truck — but he didn't complete his mission.

As he stooped to pick up the fruit his trousers ripped — and he tore down the street in hasty retreat.

ALARMING INCIDENT

Galesburg, Ill., Jan. 4 —(AP)— Chilled firemen returned to Central Station after a 3 o'clock in the morning run, went about their business of changing into dry clothes and getting back to bed.

The chief's quarters, however, were occupied. A stranger had entered the deserted station, gone to sleep in the chief's bed —not bothering to remove his shoes.

The intruder finished his night's rest in a cot — in a jail cell.

Poultry fat is very flavorful and is valuable in extending meat flavor to others foods.

In Greece, peacock fans were known about 500 B. C.

NOW SHE SHOPS "CASH AND CARRY"

Without Painful Backache

Many sufferers relieve nagging backache quickly, once they discover that the real cause of their trouble may be tired kidneys.

The kidneys are Nature's chief way of taking the excess acids and waste out of the blood. They help most people pass about 3 pints a day.

When disorder of kidney function permits poisonous matter to remain in your blood, it may cause nagging backache, rheumatic pains, leg pains, loss of pep and energy, getting up nights, swelling, puffiness under the eyes, headaches and dizziness. Frequent or scanty passages with smarting and burning sometimes shows there is something wrong with your kidneys or bladder.

Don't wait! Ask your druggist for Doan's Pills, used successfully by millions for over 40 years. They give happy relief and will help the 15 miles of kidney tubes flush out poisonous waste from your blood. Get Doan's Pills.

NOTICE

The last day to buy City Automobile License will be

Thursday, February 1st

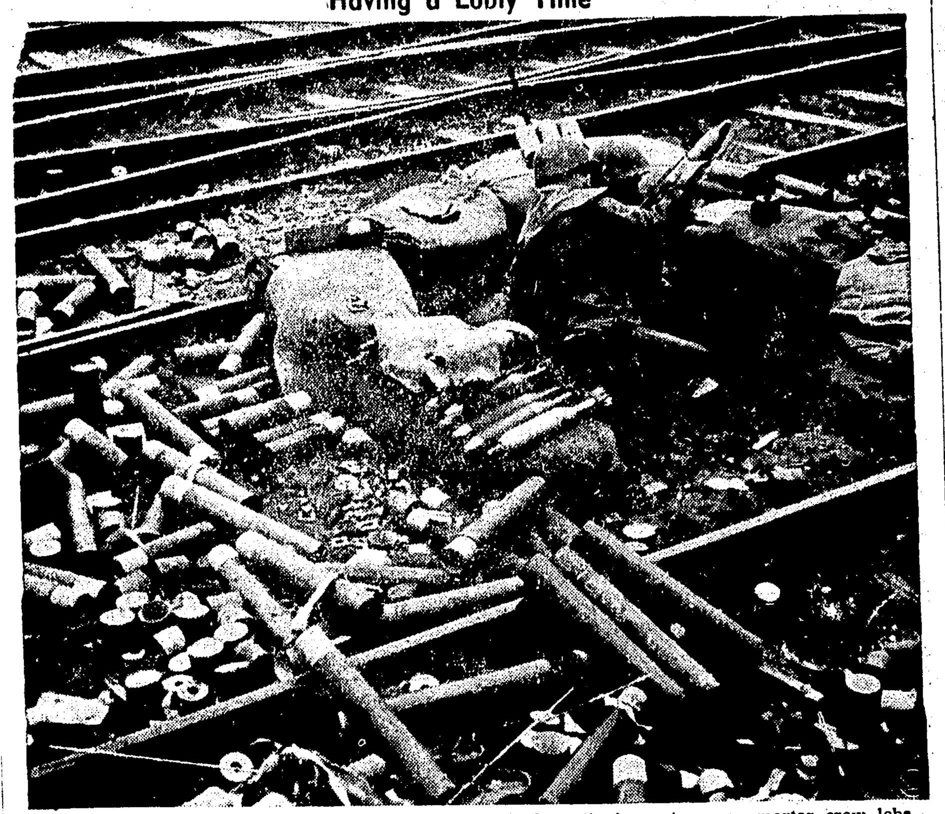
There will not be an extension of time.
License Fees are $2.50
Penalty after February 1st.

Chas. Reynerson
City Treasurer
at
City Hall

One Nazi Tank That Will Not Fight Again!

Yanks pass a burning German Tiger tank as they [illegible] Belgium town of LaGleize during the current battle in the Belgium-Luxembourg salient. (NEA Telephoto).

Having a Lobly Time



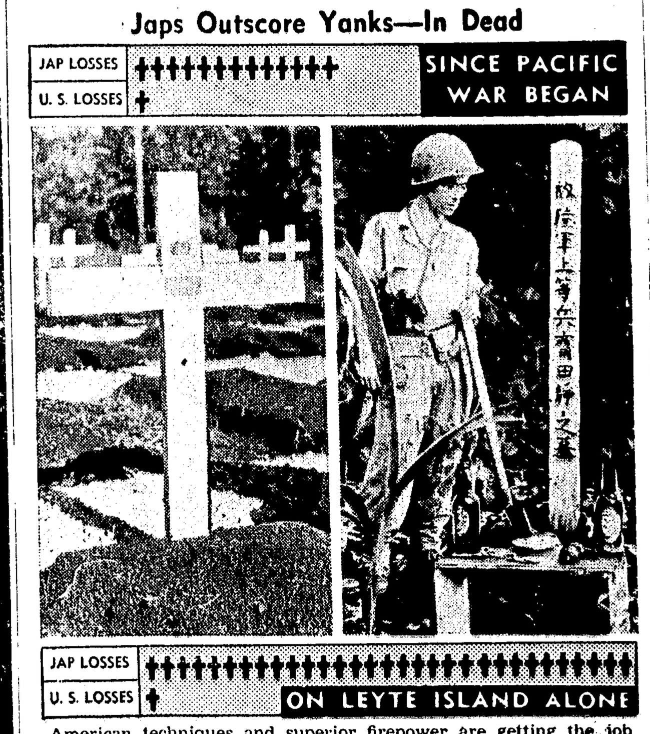
As fast as they can drop them into their mortar, this Seventh Army two-man mortar crew lobs shells across the Rhine River from a sand-bagged position in the Strasbourg, France, railway yard toward the German city of Kehl.

Sailors Become Dough Boys

(U. S. Navy Photo from NEA)

The heap of silver dollars, above, was contained in a treasure chest contributed by Nevadans to the crew of the USS Nevada in appreciation for the ship's combat accomplishments. There was a dollar for every man on the big ship

Japs Outscore Yanks—In Dead

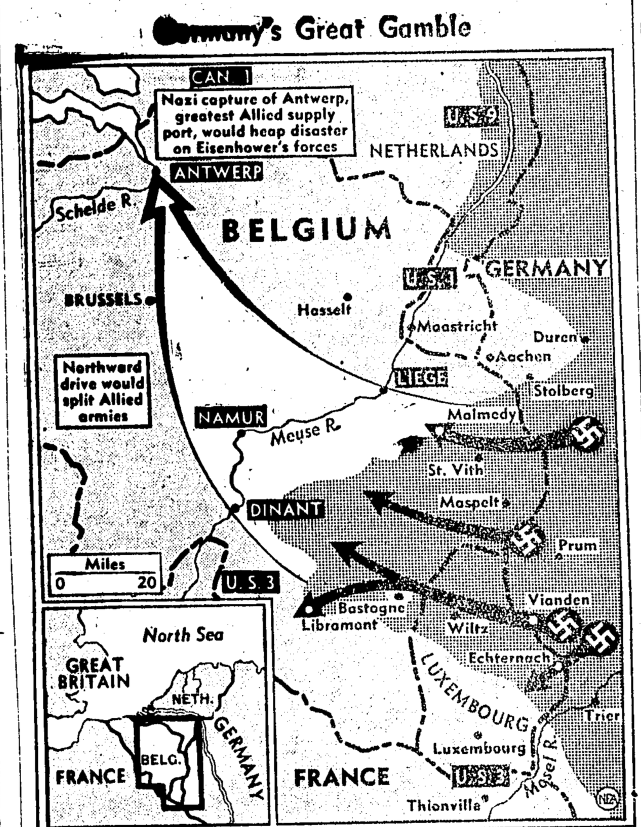


American techniques and superior firepower are getting the job done in the Pacific, as far as eliminating the Jap is concerned. Since the start of the war, our men have been knocking off Nips at the rate of 13 dead Japs to one dead Yank, as above chart shows. On Leyte Island the ratio was even higher—31 to 1, with the Japs still on the big end of the death score. Center pictures show American grave, left, and Jap grave, right.

Fisherman's Luck

Ernest L. Rhodes was disappointed when he failed to find a minnow bucket for forthcoming fishing trip. His granddaughter, Virginia Hall, wrote to the President, explaining Gramp's predicament. FDR forwarded letter to WPB, which sent name of firm that still had a few such buckets on hand and everything was hunky-dory. Now Gramps and Virginia are both pleased

Germany's Great Gamble



Map above shows probable objective of Gen. von Rundstedt's great counter-offensive—Antwerp, great Allied supply port, and Liege, transportation and supply center for most of the Allied armies on the 400-mile front. Breakthrough to Antwerp would divide Allied armies, force those from Aachen north to fall back or face encirclement. Conversely, drive to the south could roll up entire southern end of Allied line.

Asiatic Deputy

Lt.-Gen Raymond A. Wheeler, former commander of the Services of Supply headquarters in the China-Burma theater, has been named Deputy Supreme Allied Commander in Southwest Asia. He succeeds Maj.-Gen Albert C Wedemeyer, now chief of U S forces in China.

Cranberries were introduced to the early colonists by Indian medicine men.

Library Notes

New Books

[illegible] is now on the shelves [illegible] 1942 [illegible] 1944, the war is described in terms of human [illegible] widely accepted [illegible]

Other new [illegible] the shelves of the library [illegible] are "Living with [illegible]" [illegible] chester; "Dark [illegible]" [illegible]; "White [illegible]" by [illegible] Grey. Juvenile: "Peng" and Pam Nurse and Caesar" by Deming, "Jack London" magnet for adventures by Lansing; "[illegible]" movie maker by Olds; "[illegible]" [illegible] Theiss; "New World" [illegible] Worth; "[illegible]" by Irving [illegible]; "A Boy and A Dog" by Heer; "Red Light, Green Light" by [illegible] Donald; "Pretzel" by Rey; "When I Grow Up I'll be a Teacher" by Riffian.

OLD SYMBOL

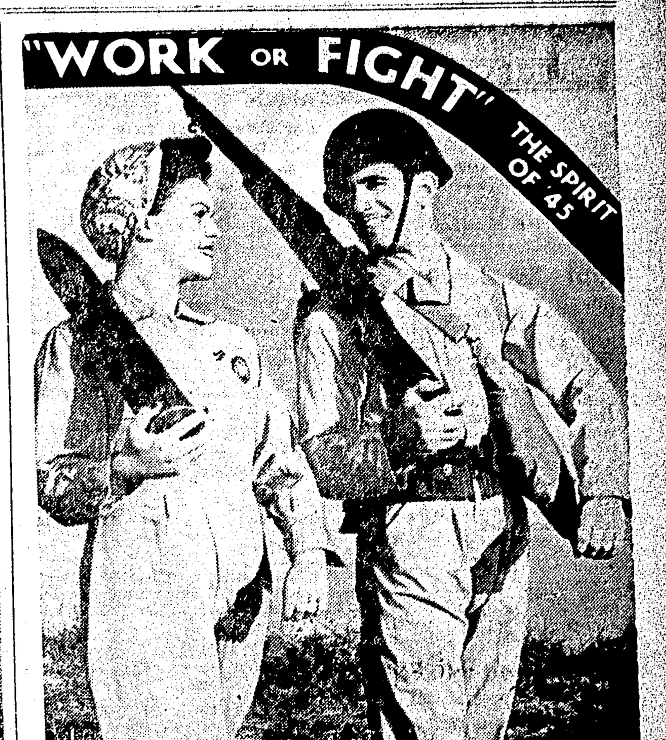
The cross was used as a religious symbol long before the Christian era. The Indians regarded it as a mystic emblem of the four points of the compass.

Notice of Collection of
Delinquent Personal Taxes
for Years 1942 and 1943

You are required by law to settle with me, either at Monts' Seed Store or at Sheriff's Office in Hempstead County Courthouse.

O. D. Middlebrooks
Special Collector

"WORK OR FIGHT"



Hit, like many war plants, by the manpower shortage, the Green River Ordnance Plant, Dixon, Ill., devised a poster to recruit workers for essential tasks. Above, worker Lois Woessner and John Ives, Illinois Reserve Militia, simulate the poster, for which they were the models.

Our Daily Bread

[illegible]

Have regular checks of ignition and battery. Replace worn [illegible] waste gasoline and [illegible] load on the battery. Keep head and tail light [illegible] are bulbs on hand.

[illegible] garage man go [illegible] distributor, coil, condenser [illegible]

[illegible] are busy and short [illegible] to [illegible] for early [illegible] to repair a break-down. [illegible] use your car [illegible] 1945 and you'll [illegible] chance of having it at [illegible] your soldier or [illegible] home.

Canada has a fresh-water area of about 228,307 square miles.

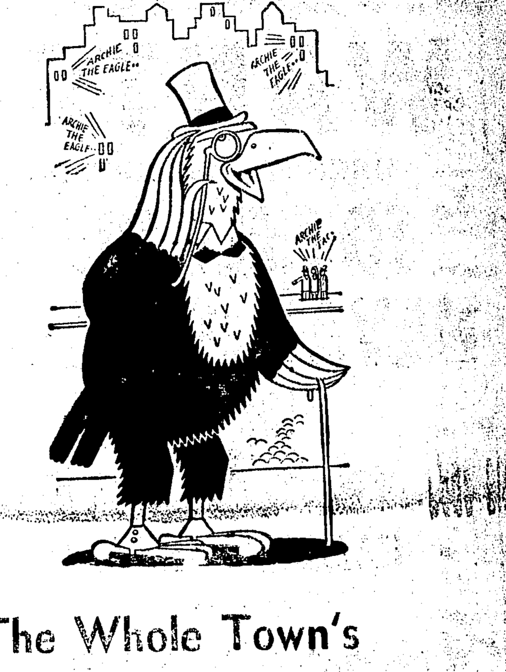
QUICK RELIEF FROM Symptoms of Distress Arising from STOMACH ULCERS DUE TO EXCESS ACID

Free Book Tells of Home Treatment that Must Help or it Will Cost You Nothing

Over two million bottles of the WILLARD TREATMENT have been sold for relief of symptoms of distress arising from Stomach and Duodenal Ulcers due to Excess Acid — Poor Digestion, Sour or Upset Stomach, Gassiness, Heartburn, [illegible] due to Excess Acid. [illegible]

JOHN S. GIBSON DRUG CO.
BRIANT'S DRUG STORE
Hope:
BLEVINS DRUG STORE
Blevins:

Archie, the Eagle Says:



The Whole Town's Talking!

. . . about the way I can save people money. Yes the words has really spread around about me. You've heard about me, I'm Archie, the Eagle . . . and my picture is on every Eagle Stamp you get when you buy at Geo. W. Robison & Company store.

Here in Hope, Robison give Eagle Stamps in appreciation of your patronage. People who make it a point to buy at Robison's, find that a bookful of Eagle Stamps accumulates rapidly, 'cause you get one for every 10 cents you buy . . . and a filled book brings you $1.25 either in cold cash, or merchandise of your own selection. That's all FREE and Extra Saving over and above the outstanding Values you always get at Robison's.

Now you know why the Whole Town is Talking about me . . . so come and see me soon and get your share.

EAGLE STAMP

We Give Eagle Stamps — The Leading Department Store

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HOPE — NASHVILLE